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## OMAN

### QABUS RECEIVES DELEGATIONS ON NATIONAL DAY

GF181955 Manama WAKH (GULF NEWS AGENCY) in Arabic 1833 GMT 18 Nov 81

[Text] Muscat, 18 Nov (WAKH) — Sultan Qabus ibn Sa'id of Oman has received 'Abdallah Ya'qub Bisharah, the secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council [GCC], and his accompanying delegation. The meeting was attended by Omani Foreign Ministry Under Secretary Yusuf al-'Alawi 'Abdallah.

Earlier today Sultan Qabus received UAE Defense Minister Shaykh Muhammad ibn Rashid al-Maktum and YAR Deputy Prime Minister for Internal Affairs Mujahid Abu ash-Shawarib separately.

The sultan also received Shaykh Sultan ibn Saqr al-Qasimi, deputy ruler of Ra's al-Khaymah and commander of the Badr battalion; Shaykh Sa'ud ibn Saqr al-Qasimi, the head of the ruler's office in Ra's al-Khaymah; and their accompanying delegation. The meeting was attended by Omani Interior Minister Badr ibn Sa'ud ibn Harib.

### Qabus' National Day Speech

EA181950 Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic 1300 GMT 18 Nov 81

[Speech by Sultan Qabus at a national day military parade in An-Nasr Square in Salalah on 18 November — recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Dear compatriots, on this day on which we celebrate together the 11th anniversary of our glorious national day, in this dear part of our beloved Oman, Salalah, [applause] heart of the southern area, Dhofar, we cannot but praise God, the most high, the almighty, who has extended to us His help and success and given us the ability to achieve many important achievements in security and stability which our country enjoys within the context of our progress toward realizing our hopes for the good and prosperity of the present and future Oman. [applause]

Compatriots, the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council is deemed a positive achievement of the efforts of the member states for the good of the region and its peoples. I am pleased to say that the council achieved noticeable progress in its second session, which was held a few days ago in the city of Riyadh in the sisterly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, [applause] and to stress Oman's constant eagerness to participate effectively in these joint fraternal efforts. This council came as a true expression of the deep feelings of brotherhood which have always existed among our peoples. We are confident that this council has laid and fixed firm foundations for the (?security) and prosperity of our region. [applause]

The results of the Gulf summit provide convincing proof that the Arab world stands today on the threshold of new age full of hope for positive cooperation. That is because the Riyadh agreement has contributed toward creating a better climate for Arab solidarity, which we hope will become stronger in order to face all the external attempts aimed at tearing apart our ranks. [applause] We appeal to all our Arab brothers to cast their differences aside and work together, using all their potentials in the service of joint causes.

Chad, with the backing of African states, has resolutely replied to those who interfered in its internal affairs. It has demanded the restoration of its right to independence and national sovereignty. We cannot but describe that step as courageous and bold because we believe that it will effectively urge Africa to resist external expansionism. It also constitutes a turning point against imperialist expansionism in the whole African continent. It will have a deep effect on the international arena.

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